1. OUR COMMITMENT

In all SGS operations, we continually strive to reduce our impacts, including the environmental impacts associated with work-related travel. We recognise that travel, especially road and air travel, has a direct impact on the environment. Transport energy consumption from vehicle fuels and air and train transportation represents approximately 30% of our total CO2 emissions.

At SGS we are committed to reducing the need for unnecessary business travel and encouraging the use of more sustainable forms of transport across our operations.

2. POLICY SCOPE

This policy applies to all SGS employees and sub-contractors globally.

3. TARGETS

Our 2020 Sustainability Ambitions require us to reduce our annual CO2 emissions by headcount (FTE) and by revenue by 20%, using our 2014 baseline.

We will achieve these goals by:

- Encouraging employees to evaluate the necessity of every business trip planned and consider alternatives to travel where possible.
- Evaluating the cost, disruption to business, health, safety, security and environmental impacts of travel.
- Minimising the frequency and number of short and long-haul flights through adequate planning and scheduling of meeting and events.
- Prioritising public transport over individual vehicle use.
- Encouraging car sharing or other group travel for multiple employees travelling to the same location.
- Installing and encouraging the use of video conferencing and teleconferencing facilities and providing adequate training to maximise their use by managers and employees.
- Educating employees on safer and less carbon intensive driving practices.
- Monitoring the environmental impacts of business travel, including the fuel emissions from public transport and vehicle fuels.

4. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Senior Management is responsible for ensuring compliance with this policy, including but not limited to the establishment of programmes and compliance with reporting
requirements. Sustainability, however, is the responsibility of all of us, at every level within our organization.

It is the responsibility of every Managing Director to ensure that our green travel policy is implemented and that appropriate resources are allocated to proactively manage business travel in all SGS affiliates.

The Chief Executive Officer of SGS is ultimately responsible for the implementation of this policy, and is assisted by the Sustainability Steering Committee, which oversees the implementation of social and environmental programmes within SGS.

In the implementation of this policy, we act within the framework of laws and international conventions. We respect and comply with environmental legislation, agreements and safety requirements, and other provisions that set the parameters for our business operations.

Our actions are guided by transparency, fact-based decision-making and based on a preventative, precautionary and integrated approach to energy management. This means conforming to or exceeding the requirements of national or international regulations as well as engaging in continuous and informed dialogue with relevant stakeholders.

5. OTHER RELATED DOCUMENTS AND POLICIES

This policy supports the SGS Business Principles as well as the SGS Sustainability Policy Statement and the SGS Human Rights Policy Statement. This policy should be read in conjunction with other published SGS sustainability policies available at www.sgs.com.

6. POLICY REVISION

This policy may be revised from time to time at the discretion of SGS Corporate Sustainability. All updates will be communicated by Corporate Sustainability to Senior and Regional Management.

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